

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Attorney Docket Q64068

Jan TOPHOLM

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For: A CAD/CAM SYSTEM FOR DESIGNING A HEARING AID

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

46. (Amended) A CAD/CAM system according to claim 1, further adapted to output data representing the model to an apparatus for production of the shell utilizing laser sintering.

52. (Amended) A CAD/CAM system according to claim 1, further adapted to output data representing the model to an apparatus for production of the shell with an integrated face plate, a part of the face plate including the battery opening being separately manufactured, the shell being produced starting with the end opposing the face plate and terminated with an outward opening in the integrated face plate having a circumference matching the circumference of the separately manufactured part of the face plate.

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**REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

46. (Amended) A CAD/CAM system according to ~~claim 1-44~~claim 1, further adapted to output data representing the model to an apparatus for production of the shell utilizing laser sintering.

52. (Amended) A CAD/CAM system according to ~~claim 1-49~~claim 1, further adapted to output data representing the model to an apparatus for production of the shell with an integrated face plate, a part of the face plate including the battery opening being separately manufactured, the shell being produced starting with the end opposing the face plate and terminated with an outward opening in the integrated face plate having a circumference matching the circumference of the separately manufactured part of the face plate.